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Re: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: ASSAY FOR PHOSPHODIESTERASE
FUNCTION – Jackie D. Corbin and Sharron H. Francis*
Our Ref. No. VBLT:034US

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 44-page patent specification including 37 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-10 on 10 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Jackie D. Corbin and Sharron H. Francis for the captioned invention.

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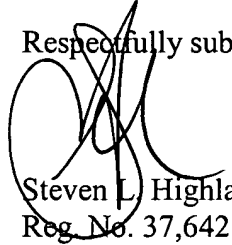
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